**Family Welfare Centres in Bihar and Maharashtra**

1281. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of family welfare centres functioning in rural areas in Bihar and Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Central Government have received proposals from respective State Governments for opening of more centres for Child welfare;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) There are 10337 and 9727 Sub-centre functioning in the States of Bihar and Maharashtra respectively, as on September, 2005.

(b) to (d) No, Sir.

**Procedure of testing of ayurveda medicine**

1282. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of procedure in vogue for testing and certification of ayurveda medicines produced in the country and those imported, if any, from overseas;

(b) whether agencies of Government also carry out testing of sample of ayurveda medicines drawn and submitted by Individuals and issue certificates;

(c) if so, the details of the procedure involved in such instances; and

(d) the details of the safeguards of the manufacturers of ayruveda medicines in the event of individuals submitting samples of medicines with their labels duly pasted on the container, but its contents adulterated with malafide intentions?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) Under Rule 162 of the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945, an Inspector authorized to inspect the manufacturers of Ayurvedic medicines can also take samples of the